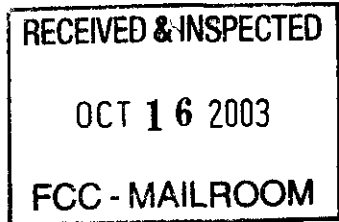


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September 26, 2003



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Re: FCC No. 99-306, October 1st Certification Requirement for ETCs, CC Docket
No 96-45, (Minnesota PUC Docket No. PT6182, 6181/M-02-1503)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC") files its required initial high-cost certification for RCC Minnesota, Inc. and Wireless Alliance LLC (collectively RCC). At its September 25, 2003 meeting, the MPUC designated Midwest as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Minnesota.

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") requirements in *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order, Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration*, FCC No. 99-306, the MPUC hereby files this certification to allow RCC to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2004 consistent with §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

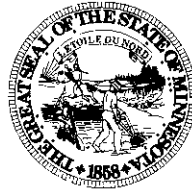
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Executive Secretary

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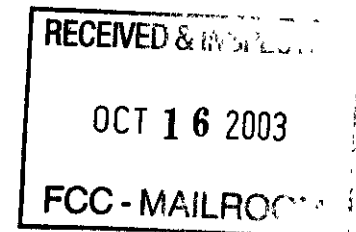
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RE: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45,
(Minnesota PUC Docket No. P999/M-03-1211)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to FCC 01-157 and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, the FCC requires states that wish to receive Federal High-Cost support for ETCs to file certification that funds will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission hereby files this certification to allow all ETCs listed in the Attachment to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2004 consistent with §254(e) of the Communications Act.

The MPUC has obtained affidavits provided by a corporate officer of each ETC including a sworn statement that support that will be received will only be used for the intended purposes. The MPUC also required and received additional documentation pertaining to Year 2002 Federal High-Cost support received and company operational and capital expenditures. Beyond those procedures, the MPUC has not undertaken further processes to assure that future federal support received will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for

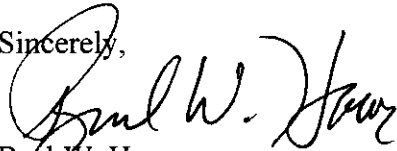
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which the support is intended. Our certification is based on those affidavits and additional documentation. We believe that this complies with the FCC requirement.

If you have questions, please call Commission staff Lillian Brion at 651-297-7864, or email at lillian.brion@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burl W. Haar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Burl" being the most prominent part.

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

Attachment 3 - List of ETCs for Certification

Line No. Company Name

- 1 Ace Telephone Association
- 2 Albany Mutual Telephone Association
- 3 Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc f/k/a Split Rock
- 4 Arrowhead Communications Corporation
- 5 Arvig Telephone Company
- 6 Barnesville Municipal Telephone Company
- 7 Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
- 8 Blackduck Telephone Company
- 9 Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company
- 10 Bridge Water Telephone Company
- 11 Callaway Telephone Company
- 12 Cannon Valley Telecom, Inc.
- 13 CenturyTel of Chester, Inc.
- 14 CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc.
- 15 CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, Inc
- 16 Christensen Communications Company
- 17 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota
- 18 Clara City Telephone Exchange Company
- 19 Clements Telephone Company
- 20 Consolidated Telephone Company
- 21 Crosslake Telephone Company
- 22 Delavan Telephone Company
- 23 Dunnell Telephone Company, Inc.
- 24 Eagle Valley Telephone Company
- 25 East Otter Tail Telephone Company
- 26 Easton Telephone Company
- 27 Eckles Telephone Company
- 28 Emily Cooperative Telephone Company
- 29 Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
- 30 Federated Telephone Cooperative
- 31 Federated Utilities, Inc. fka Hancock
- 32 Felton Telephone Company, Inc.
- 33 Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.
- 34 Garden Valley Telephone Company
- 35 Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association
- 36 Granada Telephone Company
- 37 Halstad Telephone Company
- 38 Harmony Telephone Company
- 39 Heartland Telecommunications Company d/b/a HickoryTech

Attachment 3 - List of ETCs for Certification

Line No.	Company Name
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40	Hills Telephone Company, Inc.
41	Home Telephone Company
42	Hutchinson Telephone Company
43	Integra Telecommunications of Minnesota, Inc. f/k/a Scott-Rice Telephone Co.
44	Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative
45	Johnson Telephone Company
46	Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company
47	KMP Telephone Company dba Mid-State Telephone Company
48	Lakedale Telephone Company
49	Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company
50	Lonsdale Telephone Company
51	Loretel Systems, Inc.
52	Lowry Telephone Company, Inc.
53	Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company
54	Manchester-Hartland Telephone Company
55	Mankato Citizens Telephone Company d/b/a HickoryTech
56	Melrose Telephone Company
57	Mid-Communications, Inc. d/b/a HickoryTech
58	Mid-State Telephone Company
59	Midwest Telephone Company
60	Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC
61	Minnesota Lake Telephone Company
62	Minnesota Valley Telephone Company
63	New Ulm Telecom, Inc.
64	Northern Telephone Company
65	Osakis Telephone Company
66	Park Region Mutual Telephone Company
67	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative
68	The Peoples Telephone Company of Bigfork
69	Pine Island Telephone Company
70	Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.
71	Polar Telecommunications, Inc
72	Red River Rural Telephone Company
73	Red River Telecom, Inc.
74	Redwood County Telephone Company
75	Rothsay Telephone Company, Inc
76	Runestone Telephone Association
77	Sacred Heart Telephone Company
78	Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company

Attachment 3 - List of ETCs for Certification

Line No. Company Name

- 79 Sioux Valley Telephone Company
- 80 Sleepy Eye Telephone Company
- 81 Spring Grove Cooperative Telephone Company
- 82 Sprint Minnesota, Inc.
- 83 Starbuck Telephone Company
- 84 Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company
- 85 Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association
- 86 Valley Telephone Company
- 87 West Central Telephone Association
- 88 Western Telephone Company
- 89 Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc.
- 90 Wilderness Valley Telephone Company
- 91 Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association
- 92 Winsted Telephone Company
- 93 Winthrop Telephone Company
- 94 Wolverton Telephone Company
- 95 Woodstock Telephone Company
- 96 Zumbrota Telephone Company
- 97 WWC Holding Co. aka Western Wireless